

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method in a network entity comprising the steps of:
receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for at least one recipient;
forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
receiving the media content in a multimedia messaging server; and providing the at least one addressed recipient with the media content via the network entity;
wherein the network entity is a multimedia messaging relay.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a streaming session is established in order to stream at least some of the media content to said at least one recipient.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said establishing of a streamed session is preceded by transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component ~~can be~~ is formatted in one or more formats.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises the following steps before said providing of the media content:

checking the format of at least one component of the received media content;

determining by using the recipient data whether the format is appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient; and

if necessary, translating the component into a format appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said notification message provides a minimum amount of information necessary for said at least one addressed recipient to establish a streaming session with the said network entity.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the network entity communications with ~~method further comprises a radio link during communication with the~~ at least one addressed recipient over a radio communications network.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending entity is chosen from a group consisting of: a media storing entity of a first telecommunication network, a media storing entity of a second telecommunications network, a media storage in an external data transmission network, and a terminal of the first telecommunication network.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses given properties, and wherein the method further comprises transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient via a first telecommunications network and forming said notification message taking into account the properties of the first telecommunications network.

11. (Original) A network entity comprising:
means for receiving a media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
means for accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;
notification means for forming, in accordance with said recipient data, notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
outputting means for outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

12. (Original) A communication system, comprising: at least one recipient;
a network entity;
means for receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to said at least one recipient;
means for accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

notification means for forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting means for outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising a storage medium with a computer program for controlling a network entity stored therein, the program when executed causing the network entity to perform:

receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;

accessing a database comprising a recipient data describing the multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component ~~can be~~ is formatted in one or more formats.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses multimedia capabilities, traffic condition, and processing resources, and wherein the said properties of the first telecommunications network contain at

least one or more of the following: the network's multimedia capabilities, the network's traffic condition, and the availability of processing resources in that network.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving of the media content from a sending entity includes forwarding the ~~[[same]]~~ the media content, via said network entity, to a multimedia messaging server corresponding to a communication system of said network entity.

17. Canceled.

18. Canceled.

19. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

20. (New) A network entity according to claim 11, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

21. (New) A communication system according to claim 12, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

22. (New) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.